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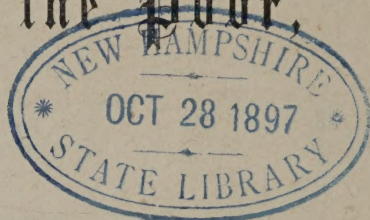
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITORS,

Overseer of the Poor,

AND



SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1861.

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RECEIPTS.

Received cash remaining in the treasury, 1859,	\$55 14
“ literary fund for 1860,	67 80
“ railroad tax,	53 65
“ of county for support of paupers,	319 52
“ Charles H. Shannon, for outstanding taxes, 1859,	45 98
“ Ithamar Eaton, for standing grass on burying ground,	4 00
“ for the use of Town Hall,	11 00
“ Ebenezer Hoyt, for outstanding taxes, 1858,	24 00
“ Isaac Smith, for a lot in the burying ground,	4 75
Hired money for use of town,	226 00
Assessed State, County, Town and School Tax, including eight hundred dollars raised to defray town charges, fifty dollars to fence and grade the burying ground near Mrs. Hadley's, in the easterly part of the town, and two hundred dollars more for the support of schools than the sum that is required by law to be annually assessed for that purpose,	2228 26
“ school house tax for School Dis. No. 1,	729 23
“ non-resident highway tax,	49 85
Due from Chas. H. Shannon, outstanding taxes, '59,	463 44
“ Ebenezer Hoyt, outstanding taxes, 1858,	159 98
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Tax,		186 20
" County Tax,		388 38
" non-resident highway receipts,		38 23
" of school house tax, district No. 1,	635 17	
" discount on school house tax,	27 07	
	<hr/>	\$662 24

School Money.

" School District No. 1, tax assessed,	126 91	
" " " " 1, share literary fund,	8 47	
" " " " 1, int. parsonage fund,	4 94	
	<hr/>	\$140 32
" " " " 2, tax assessed,	192 55	
" " " " 2, literary fund,	8 47	
" " " " 2, int. parsonage,	4 94	
	<hr/>	\$205 96
" " " " 3, tax assessed,	82 62	
" " " " 3, literary fund,	8 47	
" " " " 3, int. parsonage,	4 94	
	<hr/>	\$96 03
" " " " 4, tax assessed,	136 82	
" " " " 4, literary fund,	8 47	
" " " " 4, int. parsonage,	4 94	
	<hr/>	\$150 23
" " " " 5, tax assessed,	49 96	
" " " " 5, literary fund,	8 47	
" " " " 5, int. parsonage,	4 94	
	<hr/>	\$63 37
" " " " 6, tax assessed,	70 73	
" " " " 6, literary fund,	8 47	
" " " " 6, int. parsonage,	4 94	
	<hr/>	\$84 14
" " " " 7, tax assessed,	60 10	
" " " " 7, literary fund,	8 47	
" " " " 7, int. parsonage,	4 94	
	<hr/>	\$73 51
" " " " 8, tax assessed,	10 59	
" " " " 8, literary fund,	8 47	
" " " " 8, int. parsonage,	4 94	
	<hr/>	\$24 00
	<hr/>	\$837 56

NOTE.

" on A. W. Perley's note,	30 00
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Undertakers.

Paid S. S. Shannon, for opening and filling 13 graves,	19 50
C. W. Williams, " " 2 " "	3 00
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	\$22 50

Repairs on Bridge, Brickett Road.

Paid Tristram Little, for labor,	2 50	
B. B. Garland, lumber,	1 06	
J. W. Garland, " and labor,	2 50	
F. A. Pike, plank,	7 55	
B. A. Moody, labor,	50	
		14 11

Snow Paths.

Paid District No. 1,		27 89	
" " 2,		39 72	
" " 3,		23 83	
" " 4,		19 09	
" " 5, for 1859,	50		
" " 5, for 1860,	21 14	21 64	
" " 6,		57 44	
" " 7,		20 84	
" " 8,		15 25	
" " 9,		26 89	
" " 10,		28 54	
" " 11,		2 75	
			283 88

Abatement of Taxes.

ABATED ON AMOS BUCK'S BOOK FOR 1860—

E. E. Currier, over taxed on money,	1 34
Samuel Bell, poll tax,	1 60
George O. Jenness, poll tax,	1 60
Stephen Merrick, " "	1 60

ABATED ON CHAS. H. SHANNON'S BOOK FOR 1859—

W. T. Heath's poll tax,	1 80	
		7 94

Burying Grounds.

Paid Committee on Burying Ground in the easterly part of the town,	50 00	
O. H. Brown, work done on the Burying Ground at the center of the town, in 1859,	1 25	
		51 25

Paupers.

Paid Overseer of the Poor for the support of Paupers,	563 02
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House of Reformation.

Paid Trustees of House of Reformation, for board, &c.,
of F. P. Shannon,

44 13

Lawsuit---Kingston against Hampstead.

Paid towards defending the town against the action
brought by the town of Kingston against the town
of Hampstead, as follows:

Jonathan Severance, for travel and attendance as			
	witness,	3	34
John Page,	"	"	2 45
James M. Bartlett,	"	"	3 70
Daniel H. Keezer,	"	"	5 19
Jacob Q. Carleton,	"	"	4 06
Lois W. Maloy,	"	"	5 43
Mary M. Lucy,	"	"	5 43
Bruce Moulton,	"	"	5 67
John D. Ordway,	"	"	3 65
B. A. Moody, for time and expenses, looking up			
evidence, attending court, &c.,		31	32
Nelson Ordway, for time, horse hire and expenses,		21	25

91 49

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid I. & R. C. Smith, for books furnished for indigent			
children,		1	34
Daniel Emerson, for sawing wood for Town House,			75
J. W. Arnold, timber for guide post,			75
Calvin Eastman, for making guide board,		1	25
B. A. Moody, putting up guide boards,		1	00
Wm. Jones, for mending bell rope,			75
Insurance on Town House,		10	00
T. R. Wheeler, for keeping public watering place,		3	00
Joseph Morse,	"	"	1 50
Amos Atwood,	"	"	1 50
I. H. Marshall,	"	"	1 50
F. A. Pike,	"	"	1 50
Joseph Chase, for wood for Town House,			4 00
E. G. Frothingham, printing Town Reports, 1859,		15	00
E. E. Currier, for repairing highways in District			
No. 5, in 1859,		2	50
Caleb Moulton, for going to Haverhill to examine			
Report,		3	00
B. A. Moody, for going to Haverhill and Lawrence,			
March 10, 1860, to get Reports printed,		1	50
B. A. Moody, for going to Haverhill, March 27,			
1860, to get Reports printed,		1	50
J. W. Moulton, for Blank Record Books,			1 50
Francis Grant, for Town Officer's book,			1 00

Paid C. H. Shannon, for postage and stationery,	2 00	
J. D. Ordway, for stationery and window springs,	63	
D. H. Emerson, for cleaning Town Hall and putting window springs in the room in the porch,	75	
J. K. Emerson, for ringing the bell,	35 00	
B. A. Moody, for getting deed of land purchased by Com. on Burying Ground, of James Hadley,	50	
B. A. Moody, for stationery,	40	
" " " horse hire,	1 52	
J. W. Garland, " "	2 00	
Amos Buck, for horse hire and expenses on pauper business,	10 44	
Nelson Ordway, for postage,	09	
" " " horse hire,	3 00	
Simon Merrill, wood for Town House,	1 87	
		113 04

Town Officers.

Paid F. V. Dow, services as Moderator, 3 days,	6 00	
Luther Webber, for notifying officers,	3 00	
Charles H. Shannon, for keeping Town Records,	11 00	
Rev. T. C. Pratt, services as Superintending School Committee,	20 00	
Amos Buck, as Overseer of the Poor,	11 29	
B. A. Moody, services as Selectman	46 75	
J. W. Garland, do do	40 50	
Nelson Ordway, do do	40 74	
Amos Buck, do Town Treasurer,	8 00	
do for collecting Taxes,	35 66	
do for settling with Selectmen,	1 00	
Auditors for auditing accounts of 1860,	3 00	
do Expenses,	3 00	
		229 94

Discount on State, County, Town, and School Tax,	77 18	
Due from Ebenezer Hoyt, for outstanding taxes 1858,	159 98	
" Chas. H. Shannon, do do 1859,	461 64	
" Amos Buck, for do do 1860,		
as follows ;		
On State, County, Town and School Taxes,	114 68	
On School House Tax for District No. 1,	65 21	
		801 51

Upon examination of the foregoing accounts, as presented to us by the Selectmen, we find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding with the same.

CALEB MOULTON,	}	AUDITORS.
FRANCIS V. DOW,		
I. H. MARSHALL,		

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts, sum total,		4442 60
Expenditures, State Tax,	186 20	
County Tax,	388 38	
Non Resident, Highway Receipts,	38 23	
School House Tax, District No. 1,	635 17	
Discount on School House Tax,	27 07	
Support of Schools,	837 56	
On Note,	30 00	
Undertakers,	22 50	
Support of Roads,	14 11	
Snow Bills,	283 88	
Abatement on Taxes,	7 94	
On Burying Grounds,	51 25	
Support of Paupers,	563 02	
House of Reformation,	44 13	
On Lawsuit,	91 49	
Miscellaneous,	113 04	
Town officers,	229 94	
Discount on State, County, Town, & School Taxes,	77 18	
Outstanding Taxes,	801 51	
	<hr/>	4442 60

Notes Payable.

Joseph Chase, Note and interest,	306 41	
A. W. Perley, do do	268 00	
Sophia Moulton, do do	95 28	
Samuel Eaton, do do	178 65	
Geo. W. Eastman, do do	224 72	
Joseph Noyes, do do	224 72	
A. G. Merrill, do do	549 08	
Mary Putnam, do do	112 36	
Henry Putnam, do do	94 94	
John Ordway, do do	226 00	
	<hr/>	2280 16

Due the Town,

For support of County Paupers,	25 36	
Outstanding taxes,	736 30	
Balance being amount of Town debt,	1518 50	
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Report of Amos Buck, Overseer of the Poor.

Received of the Town Treasurer,	563 02
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AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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Paid out as follows; for the support of

NANCY KEEZER.

Paid Mary J. Keezer, for nursing her 3 weeks, 1859,	6 00	
Mary J. Johnson, for board and other expenses,	24 81	
James Peterson, for coffin, robe and cap,	7 50	
J. S. Kimball, digging grave and other expenses,	2 50	
J. C. Eastman, Medicine and attendance, 1859,	15 00	
J. C. Eastman, do do 1860,	13 75	
I. & R. C. Smith, for one pair of Shoes,	1 00	
		<hr/> 70 86

LOIS KEEZER.

Paid Mary J. Johnson, for board 19 weeks, ending March 18th, 1861,	19 00	
J. C. Merrick, for 7 yards sheeting,	63	
		<hr/> 19 63

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM KEEZER.

Paid J. C. Merrick, for 5 yards Print,	50	
I. & R. C. Smith, 3 pairs of shoes,	1 88	
		<hr/> 2 88

JONATHAN S. KIMBALL.

Paid John C. Bradley for supplies,	19 75	
J. C. Merrick, for supplies,	12 96	
I. & R. C. Smith, for supplies,	3 01	
		<hr/> 35 72

JAMES SMITH, 3D.

Paid L. L. C. Little for board one year ending March 16, 1861,	91 00	
" J. C. Eastman, medicine and attendance in 1859,	1 50	
" Nelson Ordway for two pairs feeting,	1 00	
" " " one coat,	3 50	
" " " two pairs of drawers,	1 25	
" for medicine in 1860,	1 57	
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JAMES WHITTIER.

Paid O. R. Braggs, board 1 year, ending Mar. 16, '61,	73 84	
" " " making shirts,	50	
" J. C. Eastman, medicine and attendance in 1859,	75	
" I. & R. C. Smith, 6 5-8 yards sheeting,	66	
" " " one vest,	1 50	
" " " one pair shoes and cotton,	1 53	
" " " one pair pants,	1 50	
" " " one pair overalls,	46	
" " " one pair feeting,	45	
" " " one pair half soles,	25	
" " " one frock coat,	3 00	
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MARY E. SMITH.

Paid David B. Hinds for board fifty weeks, ending Mar.

1st, 1861,	37 50	
" I. & R. C. Smith, five yards print,	60	
" " " four yards sheeting,	40	
" " " one pair of boots,	1 12	
" " " four yards cotton flannel,	48	
" " " one pair of shoes,	1 00	
" " " two pairs of hose,	67	
		41 77

NATHANIEL MERRICK, JR.

Paid J. J. Calef, for one week's board,	2 00	
N. H. Asylum for the Insane, for board and other expenses,	78 45	
James Smith, for carrying him to asylum,	4 35	
Jacob K. Emerson's and L. H. Little's bill,	1 00	
Nelson Ordway, for 1 coat, 3 50, pants, 2 50,	6 00	
" " 1 vest, 1 38, suspenders, 17,	1 55	
" " 1 pair gloves,	25	
J. D. Ordway, for 1 hat,	67	
" " 1 handkerchief,	15	
" " 2 pairs feeting,	1 00	
" " 1 comforter,	30	
I. & R. C. Smith, 13 yards of sheeting,	1 30	
" " cotton and buttons,	97	
" " 1 pair calf shoes,	1 70	
" " for making shirts,	1 00	
		99 79

JOSEPH W. BURROUGHS.

Paid Daniel T. Emerson, for 48 weeks' board,	96 00	
" " making shirts and drawers,	67	
" " mending clothes,	50	
I. & R. C. Smith, 2 pairs feeting,	75	
" " 9 yards flannel,	99	
James Peterson, for coffin and robe,	6 00	
I. B. Hovey, for medicine and attendance,	1 50	
S. S. Shannon, for funeral expenses,	75	
		107 16
Paid for support of transient paupers,		1 75

Recapitulation.

Received,		563 02
Expended for support of Nancy Keezer,	70 56	
" " Lois Keezer,	19 63	
" " Children of William Keezer,	2 38	
" " Jonathan S. Kimball,	35 72	
" " James Smith, 3d,	99 82	
" " James Whittier,	84 44	
" " Mary E. Smith,	41 77	
" " Nathaniel Merrick, Jr.	99 79	
" " Joseph W. Burroughs.	107 16	
" " transient paupers,	1 75	
		563 02

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following report :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, JOSHUA F. NOYES.

The summer term of this school was taught in the old house. The number of pupils was small. Some scholars acquitted themselves with credit, and some classes recited well. But there was less improvement than was expected. The order was fair and appeared to have been secured quietly.

The winter term opened in the new house, under a male teacher. The erection of this house had awakened a deep interest in the district in behalf of the school. And the influence of this feeling has been beneficial through the term.

The teacher has secured good order and considerable advance in the various departments of study. He expresses his appreciation of the hearty co-operation of parents and the correct deportment of his pupils. As his examination has not yet taken place, we are not able to make a complete report of his success.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, AMOS BUCK.

The closing examination of the summer, showed excellencies and defects. The exercises in Geography, History, and written Arithmetic, were good. But in Colburn's Mental Arithmetic, they were poor. In this branch, as well as in some others, the pupils relied too much on the teacher. The order was good at the first examination, but inferior at the second. Yet it is due to this teacher to state that she had the most difficult

school in town, and met with peculiar obstacles. Had she been placed in almost any other district, there is reason to believe that her well known energy and ability would have been more successful.

In the winter term, the school room was crowded by the attendance of many older pupils, and proved to be unfit for the wants of the district. Yet the teacher, with untiring efforts, brought the school under good discipline and general prosperity. The pupils were orderly and studious at the several visits of the Committee, and it is expected that the closing examination will be creditable to both teacher and scholars.

We are sorry to add that sickness has diminished the average attendance to a considerable degree, while some pupils have not been kept in school constantly by their parents, when there was no good reason for their absence.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, DANIEL NICHOLS.

This school has presented various difficulties to the teacher. But she labored with much interest, endeavoring by example and precept to instruct her pupils, and manifesting a calm and lady-like temper. The examination gave evidence of a willingness on the part of the teacher to let her school appear *just as it was*. And for this she deserves especial commendation. Such an example of honesty and truthfulness is of great value in the formation of youthful character.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, ALVA H. ALEXANDER.

This school found in Miss Dinsmore a faithful and efficient teacher. The exercises were loud, prompt and correct. And among summer schools, this ranked No. 2.

In the report we find these words written by the teacher: "It has been my object to do justice to all." We have only to add that this object was accomplished as far as our knowledge extends.

The winter term, taught by Mr. Noyes, was successful. The order was good, the instruction thorough, and the feeling between teacher and pupils pleasant and harmonious. We hope this teacher will be re-engaged by some future Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, EBEN TABOR.

This is a very small school, too small to be as valuable to the pupils

as if there were larger classes. The teacher maintained good order, and her school gave evidence of her faithfulness. The exercise in Physiology and the first in Geography and Arithmetic, were good.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, MOSES D. JOHNSON.

Though Miss Moulton is well known to most of our citizens, yet your Committee's opinion of her qualities for teaching, was drawn from personal inspection of her school. Her classes manifested thoroughness and self-reliance. The order was very good, and secured in a masterly way. The advancement of most classes was highly creditable. Even those in the alphabet exhibited much interest, and some were even enthusiastic.

This school has also been under excellent moral influence, and has, in this respect, we think, come up to the requirement of our laws.

This district ranks No. 1 in respect to its school, and we wish the same could be said of its house. In this latter respect, it must remain No. 6, until the enterprise of the district shall be shown in the erection of a new house.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, WILLIAM JOHNSON.

This was Miss Fellows's first school, nor was it the most easy, nor the most difficult for a beginner. The pupils seemed to be advancing during the term, and at the examination gave evidence of moderate improvement. The order through the term was not entirely satisfactory, but on the last day was quite good. And it is to be regretted that there were none of the members of the district present to judge the school for themselves. The teacher deserves especial commendation for making up her report so fully and accurately. Let others imitate her.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

This was Miss Rowell's first term. Circumstances over which your Committee had no control, prevented him from seeing the school often, though he called at the school house three times. The best understanding seemed to exist between the pupils and the teacher, and the parents were satisfied, as far as we know, that she had been faithful in the performance of her duties.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

Having noticed each school separately, it is necessary to speak briefly of some matters of more general concern. In the first place, several new school houses are needed in town. We have already stated that the building in No. 2 is unfit for the purposes of a school. Fifty-four different pupils have been crowded into it this winter, much to the inconvenience of pupils and teacher. The atmosphere of the room has thus been rendered very unhealthy, and it is a deeply significant fact that an unusual proportion of the pupils were taken sick before the term closed. We hope this matter will receive the attention its importance demands.

The houses in Nos. 3 and 5 are both too much out of repair to accommodate a winter school, and it would perhaps be too great a burden for No. 5 to build a good house for its ten scholars. The plan of uniting these two districts, (the 3d and 5th) which has already been agitated, would remedy several existing difficulties. It would be less expensive to build one house large enough for both districts than to build two; and the terms of school would be longer and at more convenient seasons of the year. We hope that this project will meet with favor in both districts and be soon carried into effect. Only two families will be at an inconvenient distance from a new house in a central location, and those families are as near, we think, to the school house in No. 4, as to the present one in No. 5, and can easily be added to No. 4.

The other unworthy school house is in No. 6. May we not hope that this district, long known as one of the best in town, will do something worthy of her past and present position? Shall her scholars contend with this difficulty any longer? And when the new house is erected, we hope to see it on a spacious lot of its own, that the pupils may not be forced into the street, but have room for healthful sports, and that the horse of the visitor may stand hitched in some spot *outside* of the line of travel on the highway.

We are happy to allude before leaving this subject, to the new house in No. 1. The edifice itself is an honor to the district, and the good feeling manifested during the whole progress of the work is highly creditable to all concerned. Nine hundred and twenty dollars, wisely expended, have secured to this district just such a house as it needs. And we have no doubt that the citizens will find this to be a most valuable investment.

During the winter three male teachers have been employed at almost double the wages paid in the summer. This has resulted in bringing into our schools a number of older pupils, young men and women, who would not probably have been found under the instruction of females in the same

districts. We call attention to this fact in order to suggest that the employment of females in our larger districts during the winter, has a tendency to keep a portion of our youth from the advantages of public instruction. We do not mention this to disparage female teachers, but only to point out what seems to be the actual operation of a custom. Many female teachers are eminently qualified for their work, and are an honor to the profession. But at the same time a schoolmaster is generally better fitted to secure order among *older boys*, and parents feel less hesitation in sending such pupils to him.

The attendance in many schools has been very irregular. The registers are in some instances blackened with marks of tardiness and absence. But in No. 6 we find that Grace H. Moulton, and Sarah J. Heath were neither absent nor tardy the first term, and Marilla Moulton, Charles B. Moulton, and Everett Moulton, were neither tardy nor absent for both terms.

In No. 1, John S. W. Corson, George W. Hoyt, Moses B. Little, Mary J. Little, and Mary Ida Hazeltine were also perfect in attendance for one term, and Mary E. Noyes and Ella V. Corson, for two terms.

In No. 4, Annie L. George, Mary F. Batchelder, Geo. A. Alexander, and George H. Titcomb, were perfect for one term.

In No. 2, several were not tardy nor absent for half of the summer term, and in most of the districts some were nearly perfect.

Finally, we tender our sincere thanks to the teachers, pupils, prudential committees, and parents, for the kindness they have manifested toward us in the discharge of our duties as school committee. And especially would we return thanks to our Heavenly Father for that kind providence that has enabled our youth to enjoy the advantages of public instruction another year.

THEODORE C. PRATT,

Superintending School Committee.



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following table will show some facts in respect to the schools which may not be destitute of interest.

DISTRICTS AND TEACHERS.		Amount assigned to the district.	Wages per month of teacher.	Length of term in weeks.	No. attending School.	Average.	Whole number in District.
No. 1.	{ Miss Susie F. Fellows, Mr. Charles C. Hunkins,	140 02	\$12 00 32 00	9 13	24 43	21 37	44
No. 2.	{ Miss L. G. Mitchell, Mr. William E. Buck,	205 96	18 00 36 00	16 13	41 54	35 37	62
No. 3.	Miss Mary T. Minot,	96 03	17 50	21	35	25	35
No. 4.	{ Miss M. B. Dinsmore, Mr. Hermon Noyes.	150 23	17 00 33 00	16 10	24 28	18 23	28
No. 5.	Miss Julia A. Colby,	63 37	16 00	15½	10	9	10
No. 6.	Miss Sophia Moulton,	84 14	16 00	20½	30	25	30
No. 7.	Miss Mary J. Fellows,	73 51	17 50	17	25	20	25
No. 8.	Miss Ruth A. Rowell,	25 72	13 00	8	18	15	18
Total,		839 28					252

Six pupils have been absent both terms, and twenty-two others, between the ages of 4 and 14 have been absent one term.

There is no person in town, as far as our knowledge extends, who is between fourteen and twenty-one years of age, and unable to read and write.